

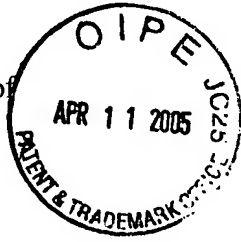
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PREVENTING FRAUDULENT USAGE BY MONITORING REPRODUCIBLE TIME LIMIT

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, *inter alia*:

"...because claims ...37-38, 42, 45, 47-48 depend directly or indirectly on claims...37-38, 42, 45, 47-48." [See page 3, lines 7-8 of the Office Action mailed January 13, 2005].

The recitation of "depend directly or indirectly on claims...37-38, 42, 45, 47-48" is believed to contain a typographical/clerical error since none of the previously listed claims depend directly or indirectly from these claims. Please correct the records of the Patent Office accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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